





# "DOC" AND HIS "NOMMY."

## A Badly Demoralized Nomination Presented to Dr. McLean.

He Really Does Not Know Whether He Wants It or Not—The Thrilling Scenes That Attended His Triumph—Sam Hays Writes an Open Letter to R. B. Brown—To-Day's Legislative Conventions—Notes and Gossip.

At a late hour last night John H. Polman, the midwife of the iron road, delivered to Dr. J. H. McLean, M. D. and M. C., the Republican nomination for Congress in the Ninth Congressional District. It was a right nomination—only a few hours old—but it got pretty badly jammed up and twisted, while it was a-borning, and the Doctor, as he gazed upon it and fondled it, could not but be impressed with the fact that it would take a heap of vernacular, in addition to the medical skill, to pull it through and make anything out of it. Midnight found the good doctor racking his ponderous brain in an effort to determine what had best be done for his precious little "Nommy," as he called it for short, in whose behalf he had already spent the equivalent of many, many millions of dollars. And as he pondered he dropped an occasional tear at the thought that, while other great men like Andrew Brown and Henry Pina can be blessed with fully-developed brains, many millions of ways come to him looking like they had been run over by a four-hundred-wagon train.

With him it was like pulling teeth, and he had to sit up all night and keep in his four-ply greenbacks to keep it alive at all, to say nothing of the mental torture occasioned by the fact that half of the town manifested a brutal disposition to give it a bad name. Shortly before daylight this morning, the good doctor set his "Nommy" down on the floor for a moment and taking out his memorandum book, recorded the following side of an entry: "John Polman for professional services, \$10,000, a solemn vow, with every word understood, that whether his latest darling prospered or not, he would never again ask for a blessing that might come in any shape or form."

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